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NE would have thought, after the DEFENCE OF THE PEOPLE, and the several Pieces relating to the *Hanover* Forces in *British* Pay, especially the FARTHER VINDICATION (in which Last all the principal *Hanover* Jobbs are clearly and fully exposed) had been so long in almost every Hand, that there would have been no farther Need to enlarge upon those Subjects.

But we seem to read rather for Amusement than Instruction; or if we grow wiser, 'tis to no End: We suffer the same ruinous Measures to be pursued, the same dirty Hands to be employed: We not only suffer Things to be done, but we authorize them, when done, which

which nobody even attempts to justify : And we are every Day treated in the most open, barefac'd Manner, as if equally void of Courage and Understanding.

It is, therefore, still necessary to recapitulate some Passages, to add others, and to draw such Inferences from all, as shall leave us without Excuse, if we do not provide for our Security at Home, in as effectual a Manner as we have provided against all Dangers from abroad.

In the first Place, then, I lay it down, as an invincible Truth, that this War, in which we have been, for some Time, unhappily engag'd as *Auxiliaries* ; and in which we are now more unhappily become *Principals*, was begot, and conceiv'd at *H——*, and only *NURS'D* here.

And to silence all Gain-sayers, it need only be recollected that, when the Emperor dy'd, *France* gave no Disturbance to the Queen of *Hungary* ; but, on the contrary, Assurances of observing the Treaties then subsisting ; which Assurances then appear'd to be real, by their neither augmenting nor moving their Troops.

That, in the midst of this Calm, the King of *Prussia*, unexpectedly, claim'd Part of *Silesia*, and took immediate Possession of what he claim'd.

And that *England*, notoriously under the Influence and Direction of ***** , instead of acting as a common Friend to both, and endeavouring to accommodate Matters, openly declared in Favour of the Queen of *Hungary*, and dissuaded her from yielding a Part of that Province, which it afterwards obliged her to relinquish ENTIRELY.

All *Europe* was astonished at this Step, and both foresaw and foretold that it would necessarily force the King of *Prussia* into the Arms of *France*, and invite the *French* Ministry, however pacific, to co-operate with him against the Queen of *Hungary*, from the Facility of the Experiment, and the, almost, Certainty of Success.

But tho' *Europe*, in the general, was astonished at this Step, the *Electorate* of ——— was not ; on the contrary, that Power, if it can be call'd a Power, was the only one which, at that Time, augmented its Forces ; and

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made such Preparations as argued she was in the Secret ; and that under the Umbrage of *England*, she not only believ'd herself to be safe, but resolv'd to be a Gainer by these Commotions.

And that this was the Matter of Fact, became notorious and undeniable, when the Plan for dividing the King of *Prussia's* Dominions, was, by the Inadvertancy of a certain Minister, laid before both Houses of Parliament, among a Heap of Papers call'd for, at a remarkable Period of Time, when the Ministry were in too great a Disorder either to refuse laying Papers before the Parliament, or to know what they laid.

In the mean Time, *France* accepted the King of *Prussia's* Invitation, or rather could no longer resist the Temptation, his Assistance gave then : In consequence of which, these two Powers bestir'd themselves so vigorously, and took their Measures so happily, that the Avarice and Ambition of *Hanover*, were, instantly and easily, humbled and disappointed : *England* was, consequently, obliged to obey her *Helm*, and alter her *Course* : And as to the poor Queen of *Hungary*, instead of receiving the Protection she had been promis'd by her High and Mighty Ally, she was obliged to give up ALL *Silesia*, that the justly exasperated King of *Prussia* might, at least, suspend his Vengeance upon his encroaching Neighbour. *England* was, however, to procure her an *Equivalent* for what she had lost ; and *Hanover* was determin'd to have one for what it had miss'd.

Hence proceeded the famous Negotiations, about SECULARIZATIONS in the Empire ; that *Hildesheim* and *Osnabrug*, contiguous to, and long coveted by, *Hanover*, might be annex'd to that *Electorate*, which had been so unhappily disappointed of its intended Share of the King of *Prussia's* Dominions.

From these Causes, and with these Views, we drudged on as *Auxiliaries*, IN A GERMAN WAR, but BEARING THE EXPENCES of our *Principals*, till it hath, lately, pleas'd *France* to make us *Principals* too.

This War may, therefore, be literally said to be a War of *England* against *France* : But, in Truth, no one *Englsh* Motive hath, as yet, appeared, either in the Rise or Progress of it : *England*, indeed, is the *Cat's Foot* ;

Foot; and who is the *Jackanapes* there is no Need to explain.

However, we are now in; and, as far as the Interests of *Great Britain* can be concern'd, it must and will be supported by every true *Briton*.

But then the following Conditions must be understood.

That it be carried on, first and principally, for the Security and Interest of our Commerce: And, secondly, for the necessary Defence of that Part of the Continent, only, in which *England* has any Concern: I mean the **BARRIER**.

That it be carried on by *British* Means; that is, by the Fleets of *Great Britain*; and the Land-Forces of *Great Britain*; or such Mercenaries, in *British* Pay, as have no separate Views, nor no Pretence to separate Favour or Command.

And that it be concluded upon *British* Conditions of Peace only.

It will not, it cannot be thought to be carried on for *British* Views, if a single Man in *British* Pay, be sent to the Defence, or the Observation of *Lower Saxony*, however, whenever, or by whoever threaten'd or attack'd.

If *Saxe Laueburg*, taken in the last Century, by the Duke of Zell, without the least Pretence of Right, while claimed by two contending Parties, one of which had a Title that Force only could set aside: If either of these Parties, I say, should endeavour to recover that Dutchy, it does not, it cannot, in any Degree, affect *Great Britain*. We have nothing to do with it.

Should *Bremen* and *Verden*, (bought by the *Electorate*, in the first Year after the Accession of G. I. tho' known to be stolen) be invaded and conquer'd, it is no Concern of ours: but on the contrary, in that Case, our own *Linnen Manufactures* might possibly meet with that Encouragement which is now deny'd them.

Should any Part of the *Electorate* be attack'd by any Power, upon any Pretence whatever, I have the Authority of the *Act of Settlement* to assert, that *England* ought not to be encumber'd with the Expence of defending it, notwithstanding the late **TRULY BRITISH** Declaration of a late common, and now noble PATRIOT,

That,

*Put away, made Esq. of
Bath*

That, if the *Electorate* were attack'd upon the Account of *England*, it was the DUTY of *England* to defend it. The *Act of Settlement* hath no such Proviso: And should any such insidious Interpretation be admitted, it is obvious, *Hanover* would never be attack'd but upon the Account of *England*: Consequently *England* would lose the very Benefit of being an Island, and become a most wretched Part, of a most contemptible Particle of the Continent.

If, therefore, out of a tender Concern for that *Electorate*, and from a settled Resolution to prefer the Security of that *Province* to all other Considerations, the National Troops of *England*, or the *Hanoverian Mercenaries* in *English* Pay, should all, or any of them, leave the *Barrier*, and move towards *Lower Saxony*, the only Interest of *England*, upon the Continent, would be thereby entirely sacrificed; and all the World would see, that, alike in War and Peace, we were but the Tools and Implements of*****.

As it is not to be expected or imagined, that our good Friends, the *Dutch*, will venture to bring upon themselves the Indignation of *France*, out of stark Love and Kindness for us, unless we previously enter into a positive and express Engagement, that the Defence and Security of the *Barrier* shall be the sole Object of the War: As it must be presumed, that even the Queen of *Hungary* must be under equal Apprehensions with the *Dutch* and us; that the Vortex of *H* ————— will, as usual, draw every Motion and every Measure within its own greedy Circle: If such an express and positive Engagement is, under any Pretence whatever, declin'd, we may depend upon it, that the War will not be conducted upon *British* Principles; that, consequently, the *Dutch* will take as little Share in it as possible; and that we shall be in the shocking Circumstance, of risking all Things, to gain Nothing.

If the *Hanoverian Mercenaries* should be continued in our Pay another Year, notwithstanding the notorious Impopularity of their being continued this, and, notwithstanding the Evidence which hath arose, either of their not daring to fight at all, or their Resolution of fighting in no other Cause than that of the *Electorate*, it will

will become self-evident, that in the carrying on of the War, *British Means* were as little regarded as *British Ends*, BRITISH MONEY excepted; without which it could not have been carried on at all.

If the 6000 Men generously furnished last Year by the *Electorate*, should be withdrawn this Year from the combin'd Army, it will plainly appear with what View they were sent the last; and if they should be replaced by 6000 from *Woltembittel* in *English Pay*, it will induce a very reasonable Suspicion, that a great Part of the Pay goes to the *Electorate*.

If a Peace should be patch'd up, by which *England* should not be left in a better Condition than it was before the War began, notwithstanding the vast Expence has been at, neither the Peace, nor the War can be call'd *British*.

But if *Hanover*, which has no Claim to any Acquisitions, by this War, should, by the Peace, make any, such as *Hildesheim* seculariz'd, or the Alternative of *Osnabruck* turned into a Perpetuity, that Peace and that War can only be deem'd *Electoral*.

These are the present great Objects of our Attention, and the War ought to be supply'd and supported on upon these Principles.

Should *Hanover* even be lost in the Squabble, *England* far from thinking to retrieve it, ought to say with the *Irishman*, who had lost a bad Wife, *That it had cost a Loss*.

Indeed, could the absolute Cession of *Hanover*, to any Power whatever upon the Continent, procure a good Peace for *England*, it would still remain more in Debt than any Peace could pay: For, putting *Hanover* at five hundred thousand Pounds a Year, and supposing the *Fee Simple* of it sold at five and twenty Years Purchase, which is, I presume, the highest Price the Land of *Germany* will bear, it would produce but twelve Millions five hundred thousand Pounds; And by what Means, after a thirty Years Peace, this Nation continued fifty Millions in Debt, when, at least thirty millions have been paid off, ——— HANOVER will tell us with Pleasure.